

dedicated to the betterment of urban areas. By advocating for improved city planning, decisionmaking, design, development, management, and action, the program brings attention to the need for revitalization and upkeep of metropolitan spaces.

With the U.S. population expected to hit nearly 350 million by 2026 and almost 400 million by 2050, the sustainability of American cities, which contain 80.7 percent of the U.S. total population according to the 2010 census, is paramount to accommodating an ever-expanding citizenry.

The focus of the program lies not only with large cities like Boston and New York, but also with smaller ones like Portland and Augusta, ME. These small cities are growing and developing into economic powerhouses attractive to both skilled workers and middle-class families. Ensuring the preservation of productive relationships, infrastructure, and environmental well-being in Maine's growing urban spaces is a crucial piece of the success not only for these cities, but for the entire State. American City Quality Month inspires the dialogue and partnerships necessary for sustainable growth and revitalization.

I thank the organizers of American City Quality Month for ensuring that American cities of all sizes continue to promote the welfare of this generation and those to come.

101ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WYOMING STATE SOCIETY, NSDAR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to pay special tribute and recognize the good work that the Wyoming State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is doing in my home State. This is their 101st annual conference, and the fact that the organization has not only continued to exist, but has grown stronger over the years, is proof of their determination to keep the spirit of the American Revolution alive. Thanks to them, our respect and our admiration for the heroes of those days has remained strong and continues to grow stronger.

On October 11, 1890, a group of concerned citizens banded together to create the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Their intent was to protect and preserve the principles and values upon which our Nation was founded. They knew that their ancestors were part of a very special time in our history and sharing their stories would raise our awareness of the blessings we had received from our citizenship.

Over the years the organization has grown in strength and numbers as the national society now includes 177,000 members all over the world who continue to embrace and promote the American dream and our American way of life.

In Wyoming the State society has 11 chapters with hundreds of members statewide.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is such a special organization in part because of its qualification for membership. Any woman 18 years or older can join if it can be shown that she is a direct descendent of one of our Nation's patriots from the days of the American Revolution.

Each member of the DAR knows that the best way to honor their family's contribution to the beginnings of our Nation is to promote a greater awareness and appreciation of what it means to be an American citizen. That means getting more and more involved every day in helping to make their community stronger and more committed to making the world a better place to live.

The Daughters of the American Revolution continues to make a difference, and we can be proud of the results they continue to achieve. The members of the DAR have taken their inspiration from our past, and it has encouraged and guided them to work together to build a better future for our Nation and all our people.

I thank them for the good work they do.

Thank you.

REMEMBERING DR. JOE MEDICINE CROW

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following remarks that will be read on my behalf at the funeral of Dr. Joe Medicine Crow today be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Today I wish to honor Dr. Joe Medicine Crow, a Presidential Medal of Freedom winner for his contributions to the culture, history, and security of the United States, who passed away on April 3, 2016.

On behalf of all Montanans and all Americans, I would like to thank Dr. Medicine Crow for his service and contributions to the nation.

It is my privilege to share Dr. Medicine Crow's story for the official Senate RECORD.

Thank you for inviting me to share a few words today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Joe Medicine Crow. I'm sorry I cannot be with you in person.

I remember when I first met Dr. Joe Medicine Crow, I was immediately inspired. His words resonated deep into the souls of those he touched.

In 2008, I had the great honor of nominating Dr. Joe Medicine Crow for one of the highest awards given by the United States—the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Honorees are selected for their exemplary contributions to their country's culture, history, and security. I nominated Joe Medicine Crow because he embodied all of these things.

During World War II, he accomplished the four remarkable war deeds that make a traditional Crow War Chief. His bravery is the kind you read about only in stories. He fought in hand-to-hand combat, and led troops into enemy territory to capture 50 enemy horses.

And he accomplished these feats for the country that he loved, as so many Native Americans did during World War II, even though their treatment on the home front left much to be desired.

But Joe Medicine Crow's achievements for his people went far beyond bravery on the field of battle.

His commitment to education was unmatched and paved the way for generations of Native Americans to achieve their dream.

We are fortunate, in Montana, to have many reminders of the land and the people who came before us. Joe wasn't just a reminder, he was a shining example. Montanans will be telling the story of Medicine Crow for generations. And Americans across the country will have his work to thank for preserving the rich history, language, and vibrant culture of the Crow Nation.

Joe received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama on August 12, 2009, and joined a short and prestigious list of Montanans to receive this honor. His actions and accomplishments ensure that his legacy will reflect the life he lived.

Joe was a remarkable Montanan. He was a soldier, scholar, and historian, but above all he was a fierce advocate for Native American families. He embodied the warrior spirit of the Crow people, and was a fierce example of America's highest ideals. I'm honored to lend my praise and remembrance of Dr. Joe Medicine Crow.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRY DAVICH

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to speak about a topic that is bittersweet for me. I am here to share my gratitude for a person who I not only consider an adviser and an exemplary public servant, but a friend and confidant for over 40 years—our director of constituent services, Sherry Davich, who retired from the Senate.

I met Sherry back when we were both admittedly younger, after she worked on Jimmy Carter's Presidential campaign and I was running for the Florida House of Representatives. Sherry was finishing her bachelor's degree at Florida State University and had an undeniable curiosity and a nose for politics. After Carter became President and I was in the Florida House, I convinced her to intern in our office, and the rest is history. Forty years—wow, that is real public service.

Sherry has been unwavering in her service to the people of our country and of Florida as I have served in the House and Senate, as well as State treasurer and insurance commissioner. During her 15 years in the Senate, she has overseen over 350,000 constituent cases ranging from veterans not receiving their benefits, working with folks impacted by the BP oil spill, reuniting families as they navigate the immigration process, and of course, the lost passports and visa assistance.

She has touched the lives of so many of our constituents as their chief advocate. She has also been a part of my family. Actually Sherry and her husband, David, started to see each other as a "Nelson Congressional Couple," both working in the DC office years ago. Grace and I think of Sherry, David, and their son Will, who was an intern in our office, as family. We are so thankful for her commitment, her loyalty, and her friendship.